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1. This communication is responsive to <u>1/10/05</u> .			
2. 🖂 The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-21, 24 and 26, renumbered a</u>	s 1-23, respectively.		
3. The drawings filed on 27 July 2000 are accepted by the Ex	aminer.		
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Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/06 Paper No./Mail Date 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material	6. ☐ Interview S Paper No./ 7. ☑ Examiner's	formal Patent Application (P ummary (PTO-413), Mail Date Amendment/Comment Statement of Reasons for Al	

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ping Gu on 6/13/05.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 5, change "made" to -- mode --.

Claim 10, line 5, change the first occurance of "the" to -- a --.

Claim 16, line 4, change 'the" to -- a --.

Claim 17, line 1, insert before "storage" -- computer readable --.

Claim 17, line 5, change the first occurance of "the" to - a --.

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Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's amendment filed on January 10 2005 has been entered and made of record. By this amendment, claims 22-23, 25 and 27 are canceled. Claims 1-21, 24 and 26 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In response to applicant's amendment and persuasive arguments, (see pages 10-13 of the remarks, filed 1/10/05), with respect to rejection of claims 1-21, 24 and 26 under 102 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection under 102 of claims 1-21, 24 and 26 has been withdrawn and all the pending claims (1-21, 24 and 26 and renumbered as 1-23) are allowed now.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Kanji Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-7454.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:30

p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta, can be reached on (571) 272-7453. The fax phone number

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